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February 1, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: GENERAL SCOWCROFT
FROM: WILLIAM L. STEARMAN *WLS*
SUBJECT: Reduction of DAO Civilian Staff

At Tab A is a memorandum from General Wickham to you stating that the Secretary of Defense has approved the reduction of the DOD civilian staff of the DAO, Saigon from 1,200 to 936 personnel.

Both Wickham's office and Monty Stearns have assured us that this reduction has been approved by Ambassador Martin. We have no problems with this decision.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR NATIONAL
SECURITY AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: Civilian Manning Level for the Defense Attache Office (DAO),
Saigon (U)

(C) The Secretary has reviewed and approved the recommendation of the Joint Chiefs of Staff to reduce the DoD civilian staff of the DAO, Saigon, from 1,200 to 936 personnel. This reduction was made possible by termination of functions, closing of facilities, reorganization and progress in Vietnamization and does not degrade the capability of the DAO to effectively support the RVNAF. He has granted authority to augment this permanent staff with temporary duty civilian personnel up to the 1,200 manning level in order to provide for short-term contingencies which may arise.


John A. Wickham, Jr.
Major General, USA
Military Assistant

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